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1. THERE ARE THREE AREAS IN WHICH DIVERGENCIES EXIST BETWEEN TREATMENT RECEIVED BY US DIPLOMATS AND OTHER OFFICIAL REPS IN COLOMBIA AND THAT AFFORDED COLOMBIAN REPS IN THE US.

2. FIRST, AN IMPORT PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL VEHICLES BROUGHT TO COLOMBIA. THIS IS A CUMBERSOME BUREAUCRATIC PROCEDURE REQUIRING APPROVAL BY CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN BOGOTA AND THE COLOMBIAN CONSUL IN THE PORT OF EMBARCATION BEFORE A VEHICLE CAN BE SHIPPED. PROLONGED DELAYS IN THE IMPORTATION OF MV'S ARE A FREQUENT OCCURENCE.

3. AN ADDITIONAL PROVISION PROHIBITS THE SALE OF VEHICLES IMPORTED INTO COLOMBIA BY NON-DIP PERSONNEL UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR TOUR.

4. FINALLY, OFFICIAL PERSONNEL WITHOUT DIP STATUS MUST IMPORT ALL HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS WITHIN 4 MONTHS OF THEIR ARRIVAL IN COLOMBIA.

5. OF THE ABOVE PROBLEMS, THE EMB IS MOST CONCERNED ABOUT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES BY NON-DIP PERSONNEL.

WE BELIEVE THAT EFFORTS TO OVERTURN THE PROHIBITION ARE WARRANTED
AND THAT SUCCESS WOULD RAISE EMBASSY MORALE.
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